Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rozella Elizabeth Johnston was born on July 9, 1910, to William and Mabel (Kann) Johnston on a farm north of Broadland, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Rozella attended school in Broadland through 10th grade before moving with her family to Huron where she began the 11th grade, but illness with Rheumatic Fever forced her to end her educational pursuit; and,

Whereas, During the Great Depression, Rozella learned frugality working side by side with her mother to raise chickens, plant gardens, cook, bake, and can fruits, vegetables, and meats; and, through her 100 years of life, Rosella has seen the best of times and the worst of times; and,

Whereas, Rozella married Art DeVries on January 1, 1929, and to that union three children were born: Mavis, Richard, and Voneta; and one of Rozella's fondest memories was when her children were small and Art brought home a washing machine with a gasoline engine while the neighbor ladies were still using wash boards; and,

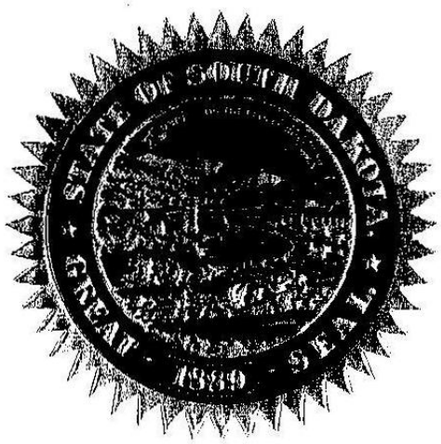
Whereas, Rozella and Art enjoyed 20 years of winter retirement at San Juan, Texas, Rozella has been an active member of the Huron First United Methodist Church for over 50 years, and she is loved and revered by family and friends for her kindness and generosity; and,

Whereas, Rosella will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather at the Best Western Hotel in Huron on July 10, 2010, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2010, as

ROZELLA DeVRIES DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State